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DEFENDANT SELLING CRACK COCAINE IN FEDERAL WEED AND SEED AREA SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON

Orlando, Florida - U.S. District Judge John Antoon, II, sentenced James Raybright Martin to life in prison yesterday for possession with the intent to distribute and distribution of more than 50 grams of cocaine base, commonly referred to as "crack cocaine." The sentence was a result of Martin's extensive criminal history, including 1991 convictions for aggravated assault and trafficking in cocaine, and a 1994 conviction for possession of cocaine with the intent to sell.

A federal jury found Martin guilty on October 5, 2004, after a two day trial. According to the evidence presented at trial, Martin owned and operated the Unlimited Fashion Clothing Store (UFCS), located at 3603 West Colombia, Orlando, Florida, where he sold clothing and clothing accessories in the public area and cocaine in the back. On September 4, 2003, an undercover agent went to UFCS and paid Martin \$2,000 for 37.9 grams of cocaine base. On March 26, 2004, the same undercover agent paid Martin \$6,500 for 152.7 grams of cocaine base. When the transaction was completed, agents arrested Martin.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Vincent A. Citro.